

W. A. SMITH SAYS THAT BIG ROAD PROJECT IS ON FOOT.

W. A. Smith, who attended the meeting of road enthusiasts from several states in Chattanooga recently in connection with the Chicago-Miami highway, brings news of big things in sight for Hendersonville.

Mr. Smith, who is co-operating with Cyrus Kehr, Dr. Geo. F. Stuart and Mr. Strong, all road enthusiasts of Knoxville, says that there are plans on foot which, if consummated, will work untold good to this section, but he is not ready to make public announcement of the undertaking. The foundation work is now being done and Mr. Smith thinks that publicity will soon be given to one of the biggest highway projects ever undertaken in North Carolina.

Mr. Smith was the only delegate from North Carolina to attend the Chattanooga meeting.

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TWO GULF STREAMS.

The One of Air Is What Creates the Deserts of the East.

The gulf stream, as every one knows, is a broad river of warm water which starts in the gulf of Mexico, wanders across the cold Atlantic ocean and bumps into the British Isles, giving them a warm climate and no end of fog and rain. But few people know that in the atmosphere above there is a second gulf stream of warm, moist air.

This slow, damp breeze strikes the British Isles and does not carom off like the gulf stream, but continues over Europe. As it passes over Sweden, Finland and northern Russia these cold lands chill the wind and cause it to drop its moisture in the form of rain. The lakes and rivers of these northern countries are all supplied by the moisture taken up from the gulf stream.

The rotation of the earth makes this wind veer gradually to the southward about the time it has given up the last of its moisture and warmth. As a mighty draft of dry, cold air, the gulf stream wind moves on across the plains of Russia. As it approaches the equator the wind warms again, but becomes ever drier.

At last, as it sweeps over Turkestan, Arabia and Sahara, it evaporates like a great sheet of blotting paper all water it meets, forming the deserts of Turkestan, Sahara and Arabia. Fortunately this devastating wind now leaves the continent, becomes the trade winds and returns to its starting point at the gulf of Mexico.

Several somewhat visionary schemes have been suggested for altering the course of the gulf stream. One of the immediate results of any such change would be the shifting of the present deserts to other parts of the world.—New York American.

MOLECULAR ATTRACTION.

That Is What Permits a Needle to Float Upon Water.

A steel needle laid carefully on a still water surface will float, although the weight of steel or iron is greater than that of an equal volume of water.

Molecules of liquids cohere, but with a force far less than in solids or viscous substances. But the thin needle of metal gently placed horizontally on water has not quite weight enough to break the surface tension—that is, molecular attraction—of the water below it.

Attraction of molecules is a force that exerts great influence in nature. Thus this force draws particles of water in fogs into drops of water which are heavy enough to fall as rain. Dew is a formation of minute particles of water into drops at rest on surfaces.

The molecular attraction of the heavy liquid—mercury—is intense, else this heavy liquid could not be drawn by it into spheres or drops. Melted lead forms into minute globes when let fall in high shot towers.

There is a great difference in the intensity of molecular attraction, as may be observed in alcohol, gasoline, sulphuric ether and similar liquid liquids and oil, sirup, glycerin and other viscous liquids.

Soap bubbles could not be blown in alcohol or benzine, but they form readily in water. And the molecules in the thin films really attract with some force, else the bubbles would burst before they become so large. The most elaborate mathematics are required to handle molecular forces, fit only for technical journals.—New York American.

Working the Morse Code.

Easiness of the telegraph code has sometimes facilitated evil practices. Charles Galbraith, formerly chief superintendent of telegraphs at Bombay, described one notable case. Messages used to be brought by mail steamer from Suez to Point de Galle and telegraphed thence overland to Bombay. Native operators found it profitable, especially during the cotton famine, to communicate the tenor of dispatches to outside confederates. At first the method employed was to write a copy of the telegram, roll it up tightly and drop it out of the window. But this was soon detected and stopped. Then the operator would lean his head on his hand as if musing and drum with his fingers. Knowledge of the Morse code by the man outside did the rest.

An Inch of Rain.

An inch of rainfall is equivalent to 600 barrels of forty-five gallons each to the acre. This amount of water weighs over 113 tons. Think of hauling it to the farms in wagons holding a ton each! That seemingly light air and clouds are capable of handling this enormous amount of water is one of the marvels of meteorology. One inch of rain is not such a heavy rainfall, either.—Farm and Fireside.

Why She Couldn't.

"Oh, I couldn't love him."
"Why not?"
"He wears a wig. The very idea!"
Then the dear creature removed two rats, some puffs, a coronet, a braid, a pompadour, a switch and sat down to peruse a novel.—St. Louis Republic.

Right in Fashion.

"I hear Tom is a gentleman farmer now."
"Right up to the notch too. Put a evening dress on all his scarecrows at dusk."—London Answers.

New to Him.

Professor—Have you read "Lamb's Tales?"
Butcher—No. I've seen a good few black sheep, but I dunno as I ever seen a red 'un!—London Telegraph.

It must be the change of the mind, not of the climate, that will remove the heaviness of the heart.—Seneca.

TWO TRAVELERS ARRESTED.

Postmaster Bryson Has Hand in Arrest of Two Men at Marion.

Postmaster Sam Y. Bryson of Hendersonville was notified by South Carolina authorities last week to look out for some alleged yeggmen headed this way. Acting on this advice Postmaster Bryson learned that the suspects had left the city for Marion. He wired the authorities at that place as a result of which the arrests were made as will be seen from the following:

Marion, N. C., April 8.—Two men registering as J. F. Loigshen, of San Francisco, and E. D. Davis, of Chicago, are being held at the local jail on suspicion of being connected with the recent yegg robberies at Honea Path, Anderson and Williamson, S. C. Their automobile and baggage is being detained by the officials and a postoffice inspector has sworn out a warrant before the United States commissioner. The date for their hearing has not been set.

Yesterday afternoon the two men

arrived at Marion in an automobile, the machine bearing a Florida license tag. Shortly after their arrival, the local officers received a telegram asking that two men answering the general description of the autoists, be arrested and held for the United States authorities. The telegram stated that the two men wanted were traveling in an auto, and this led the local officers to begin search at once for the two new arrivals. The men were released after a court hearing.

COMMUNITY SHOP BOOMING.

Van Lindsey, who a few months ago opened the Community shops, announces that his brother, R. F. Lindsey, an expert machinist of Greenville, S. C., and the latter's son, Robert Lindsey, have moved to Hendersonville and will be associated with the Community Shops.

Mr. Lindsey has added some new departments and announces that the shops are prepared to do automobile repairing of any kind, plumbing, gas

and steam fitting, electrical and machine work, and all kinds of blacksmith work, carriage and automobile painting, sign writing, cabinet making, etc.

Mr. Lindsey says he is determined to render Hendersonville the best of service along this line and continue to enlarge the business if local conditions justify.

WILL BUILD SCHOOL HOUSES AT COST OF ABOUT \$1,500.

The county board of education at its meeting last week decided to erect four houses soon.

The school house at District No. 3, Crab Creek township, was recently burned and this will be replaced by a one room house. Another will be built at Liberty, District No. 7, Edneyville township. Two houses for colored school children will be erected, one at Fruitland and another for District No. 2, Hendersonville township.

Some of the old buildings are dilapidated and it becomes necessary to have better ones.

Plans and specifications may be had by applying to County Superintendent W. S. Shittle. Bids will be considered by the board of education at its meeting on the first Monday in May.

These new buildings will cost approximately \$1,500.

BEAR WALLOW WELTERS.

Mr. James McKernan left last Wednesday for Sanford, N. C., to attend his sister's funeral.

Mrs. C. Oates spent a few days in Asheville during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Long and several others of Fair View passed through this section Sunday.

Misses Julia and Minnie Grant, who have been at home for quite awhile, have returned to Atlanta.

The Democrat stands for progress.

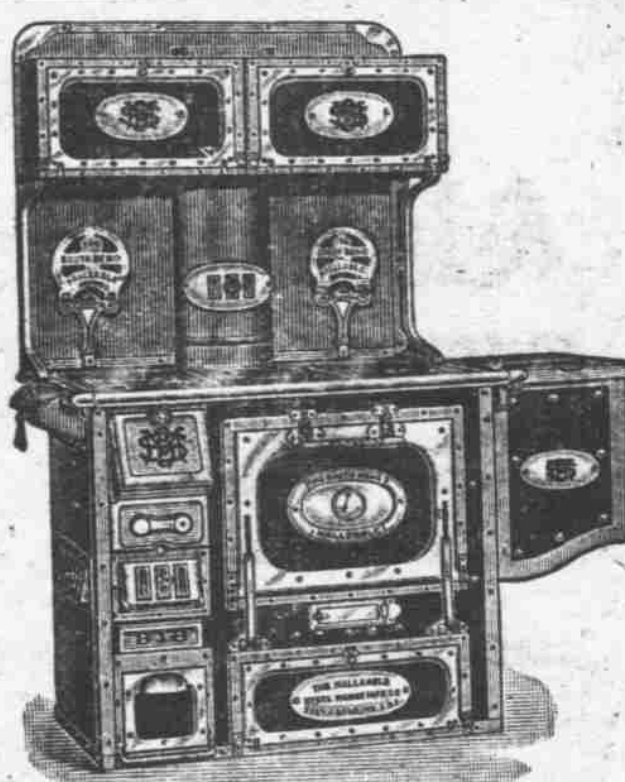
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